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EDITORIALS*

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, SAN FRANCISCO, MONDAY, APRIL 27, THROUGH THURS-**DAY, APRIL 30, 1931**

Complete Scientific and Other Program Is Printed in this Issue.—The caption of these comments tells much of the story. That caption may be called the Foreword or Call to the Sixtieth Annual Session of the California Medical Association, to be held in the city of San Francisco, with central headquarters at the Fairmont Hotel, on Monday, April 27, through Thursday, April 30, 1931.

On other pages of this issue will be found the complete scientific program and information concerning the clinics to be given at the University of California and at Stanford University Medical Schools. The social features and diversions are also there commented upon.

The headquarters are to be at the Fairmont Hotel, which is close to the heart of the city, but out of the beaten track of much of the noise and hurly burly of modern urban life. The Fairmont Hotel is large and spacious and is admirably adapted for convention needs such as come into play at an annual session of the California Medical Association. It has all the proper settings for contact groupings of a family or fraternal

The Committee on Scientific Program and the Committee on Arrangements have given much thought and effort in their desire to make this Sixtieth Annual Session one of the memorable reunions of the members of the California profession. It is safe to promise a pleasant and profitable time to every member who attends.

The Great Value and Joy from Attendance at Annual California Medical Association Sessions. -Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the value of attendance at these annual sessions. Members who are in position to go to the meeting and who do not do so, through their absence rob themselves of much that adds to professional On this point, one might well refer to one of the opening sentences of Doctor Pepper of Philadelphia, in his Scripps Lecture on Anaemia which is printed in this issue, and wherein he states:

"There is always benefit in exchange of ideas and in new contacts. Often one gains more at a medical convention from the informal chats in the corridors than from the presentations in the meeting hall."

So if you belong to the group of those who do not enthuse at being in constant attendance in the meeting rooms of the various scientific sessions of the California Medical Association, it is possible that you could still profit at an Annual Session in other ways, as indicated by Pepper. It is a wonderful and beneficial habit to develop, this attendance at annual sessions of our state medical association, with its rubbing of shoulders, greeting of old and new friends, breaking bread in informal exchange of opinion and renewing of faith and inspiration in the atmosphere where all are alert to the bigger and broader and better things and aims of the profession of medicine. Every member of the California Medical Association who can arrange his work to do, should make an earnest effort to go to San Francisco some time between April 26 and April 30.

If you have not made your hotel reservations, you are urged to do so at once, for there is every indication of a very large registration, and hotel accommodations in the associated convention hotels may be somewhat difficult to obtain at the last moment.

Scan also, at your early convenience, the scientific and other programs which are printed in this issue. (See pages 287-308.)

A perusal of the many treats in store may lead you to make a special effort to go to San Francisco. If not, it will be good for you through a perusal of the program, to get at least the spirit of the gathering.

The Sixtieth Annual Session should be a milestone in California Medical Association progress. Your presence as one of the participants will help make it so. Decide, therefore, to be among those present.

^{*} Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Medicine Today column which follows.